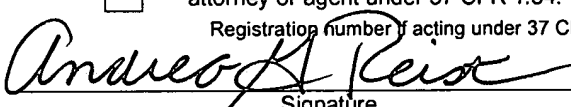
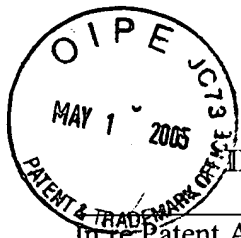


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) 000166.0063-US09	
Application Number 10/626,538-Conf. #1153		Filed July 25, 2003	
For <b>PREPARATION OF BIODEGRADABLE, BIOCOMPATIBLE MICROPARTICLES CONTAINING A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE AGENT</b>			
Art Unit 1615		Examiner R. O. Berko	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$ 1,020.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>50-0740</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>36,253</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____			
 Signature		May 16, 2005 Date	
Andrea G. Reister Typed or printed name		(202) 662-6000 Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.			

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Michael E. Rickey et al.

Application No.: 10/626,538

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AGENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced  
Patent Application:

1. Fee Transmittal (1 page);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (in duplicate);
3. Check No. 345010 for \$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee;  
and
4. Return receipt postcard.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted  
to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this  
application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 000166.0063-  
US09. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Dated: May 16, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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Effective on 12/08/2004 Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	10/626,538-Conf. #1153
		Filing Date	July 25, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Michael E. Rickey
		Examiner Name	R. O. Berko
		Art Unit	1615
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b> (\$) 1,020.00		Attorney Docket No.	000166.0063-US09

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)

☒ Check  
 ☐ Credit Card  
 ☐ Money Order  
 ☐ None  
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☐ Deposit Account  
 Deposit Account Number: 50-0740  
 Deposit Account Name: Covington & Burling

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below  
 ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee

☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
 ☒ Credit any overpayments

**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims   Extra Claims   Fee (\$)   Fee Paid (\$)   Multiple Dependent Claims  
 17 - 20 = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fee (\$)   Fee Paid (\$)

Indep. Claims   Extra Claims   Fee (\$)   Fee Paid (\$)  
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**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

	Fees Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): <u>1253</u> Extension for response within third month	1,020.00

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>			
Signature	<u>Andrea G. Reister</u>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	36,253
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		Date	May 16, 2005